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From the Library Director, Benjamin Schapiro

Renovations Needed Now and Space Needed for the Future

Some patrons may be surprised to see that we are undertaking a number of small renovations to our Library, when we have begun serious discussions with the Village about construction of a new building (for more information, go to: http://newlibrary.webrary.org on the Library's web site). The truth is that many of the same overcrowding issues that make a new building so important are straining the Library facility right now, and have been for years.

Our need for more space is a direct consequence of our success. The Library is an increasingly popular destination. Circulation (number of check-outs) has risen 21.5% since 2001. In July, public Internet computer use was up 40% over last year in the Adult department and up 146% in Youth Services. And last month, the Adult Reference Desk answered almost 11,000 questions, or about 355 patron interactions per day. In other words, the Library is busier than ever, and the current building simply can't keep up.

But with a potential new library still several years away, the following changes are necessary to enable the Library to continue to provide the services Morton Grove residents expect:

• From October to December the main staff work area will be remodeled to bring together in one loca-

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September Is Library Card Sign-up Month

Libraries are a place for education and enrichment, providing access and opportunity for all. Your library card is the smartest card you own – it's your ticket to a world of opportunity. Get It. Use It. @ the Morton Grove Public Library!

Beginning Friday, September 1, the first 100 Morton Grove residents to sign up for a new card or to renew their cards at the Library will receive a slam-dunk, sling-pack bag.

Sunday Sensation

Sun., Sept. 10

Beginning September 10, the Library will re-open on Sundays, from 1 – 5. Join us for a sensational afternoon of activities in the Baxter Room:

1 pm Artist's Reception

2 pm Anita Miller's presentation on her art exhibit, Coffee and Comfort.

3:30 pm Concert by Ivory Song, Michel Domingue sings and plays violin and José "Bong" Penera plays piano and keyboard in an eclectic concert of old favorites by Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley, a little bossa nova, some ballads, and songs from other lands.

Michael Domingue and Jose Penera

Biography: Mario Lanza

Wed., Sep. 6, 2 pm

Jack Diamond presents a biography of the great tenor, Mario Lanza.

Archaeologist James Breasted and King Tutankhamun

Sun., Oct. 8, 2 pm

R.J. Lindsey portrays archaeologist and Egyptologist Dr. James Breasted, showing slides of artifacts discovered in King Tutankhamun's tomb. Dr. Breasted is most widely known for coining the term "the Fertile Crescent" to describe the area from Egypt to Mesopotamia.

Jason the Juggler

Mon., Oct. 9, 2 pm

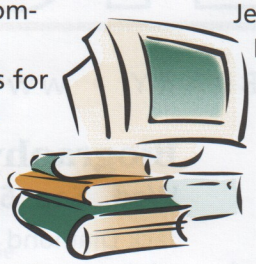
Home from school? Come juggle with us! Jason the Juggler fascinates his audience with his amazing and interactive show featuring various forms of juggling, unicycling, balancing and manipulation.

Computer Classes

Travel on the Internet

Sat., Sept. 16, 10 am

Susan McGowan, Head of Reference, will take you on a tour of Internet sites that are helpful for planning a trip to exotic locales. You can check airline schedules and compare costs; make reservations for lodging and car rentals; find out about passports, visas, health requirements, and cultural practices at your destination, and much more. Registration is required.



Tips and Tricks in PowerPoint: Two Parts

Tues., Oct. 10, 7 pm
Mon., Oct. 16, 7 pm

Jennifer Didier, Manager of Directions Training, will present a lecture/demonstration showing tips and tricks to maximize the power of this presentation software. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Google

Sat., Oct. 21, 10 am

Mike McKee, Reference Librarian, will present a lecture/demonstration on how to use Google to search the Internet effectively and efficiently. Note: this is not a hands-on class; however, you may bring a Wi-Fi equipped laptop and use the Library's wireless Internet service during the class. Registration is required.

Ensemble M'chaiya: Klezmer Band

Sun., Oct. 22, 2 pm

Ensemble M'chaiya shapes its distinctive sound with mandolin, violin, flute, guitar, and tof. Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, French, Turkish and English lyrics, sung in two-part harmonies, complement the instrumental pieces.

Children's Library Cards

In order to remain consistent with state and federal regulations concerning privacy and the rights of parents as guardians of their minor children, the Library now requires the signature of a parent or guardian on the library card application form for all minor children under the age of 18. Rules governing types of library cards are available at the Check-out Desk and online at www.webrary.org/inside/polidentification.html.

Disaster Response and Technology

Mon., Sept. 11, 7 pm

Mike Mitchell is the National Manager of the Emergency Communications Response Vehicle Program and Chairman of the National Technical Advisory Group. Join us for a discussion of the role of technology and communications in responding to disasters like 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.

Informed Investing

Monday, Sept. 25, 7 pm

Karen Chan, CFP, an educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will help you gain an understanding of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, munis, dividends, and capital gains. Registration required.

More Informed Investing

Monday, October 23, 7 pm

Karen Chan returns for a review and continuation of her September presentation, with more information about investments. Separate registration required.

To register, please call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk .

Environmental Health: Tips for Protecting Your Family

Sat., Oct. 14, 10 am

In this interactive session with Maryann Suero, PhD, of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Ann Naughton, RN, Children's Center for Environmental Health, you will learn about environmental pollutants in our indoor environments. You will receive and learn about resources to make schools, homes, and childcare facilities safer and healthier places for children – and for adults. Registration required.

Five Easy Steps to Buying the Perfect Home at the Perfect Price

Wed., Oct. 18, 7 pm

Mortgage consultant Jeff Koch presents insider tips and tricks to help you save thousands of dollars on your purchase price, get free professional help, find the right realtor, learn negotiation strategies, buy with no money down, and integrate your mortgage with your financial plan. Registration is required.

Make a Cheesecloth Ghost for Halloween

Tues., Sept. 19 and Tues., Sept. 26, 7-8 pm

Mark your calendar for two nights of ghostly fun making a Halloween ghost out of cheesecloth. Registration is limited; participants must be age 10 and up and must be able to commit to two one-hour sessions. Please wear old clothes. Call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk or Youth Services Desk to sign up.

Movies, Munchies and More

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
Tue., Sept. 12, 11:30 am
Edmund Burkhart will discuss his volunteer experiences with the American Red Cross and what to do to prepare for emergency situations.

TRAVEL: GERMANY
Tues., Sept. 19, 11:30 am
Myrla and Tom Brand
What is a transporter bridge and a ship's lift? Learn about the Pied Piper of Hamlin and the "fast food" of 800 years ago. See the Black Forest, Bavaria, the Rhine and Moselle Valleys, Greetsiel, Lubeck, Regensburg, Oberammergau, and Rothenberg.

KITCHENAIRES IN CONCERT
Tues., Oct. 3, 11:30 am
The Niles Senior Center's Kitchen Band, the Kitchenaires, returns to MGPL for a humorous and clever performance on kitchen utensils and household items, such as buckets, egg beaters, and spoons.

A STEP TOO FAR
Tues., Oct. 31, 11:30 am
The Time of Your Life Players present an original musical set at Bud's Café.

2007 Spelling Bee

Attention Home Schoolers

Students who are home-schooled in suburban Cook County are invited to compete in the Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Chicago Tribune* and Scripps Howard News Service, to be held at the Library early in 2007. For more information, go to: www.spellingbee.com.

Get Hooked: Knitting and Crocheting Round Table

CROCHETED FLOWERS
Sat., Sept. 23, 10 am
Pat Morath will walk you through the steps for crocheting flowers. Please bring a "G" crochet hook and about half a skein of yarn.

INTRODUCTION TO KNITTING
Sat., Oct. 28, 10 am
Do you want to learn how to knit? Expert volunteer knitters will teach you how to knit at this introductory session. Please bring knitting needles and a ball of yarn to get started.

All about Pets

Sat., Oct. 28, 2 pm

October is *Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month.* Robin Dillow, Reference Librarian, will discuss how to find reliable online resources for finding and adopting a pet, pet care, pet health, and volunteering in an animal shelter. A representative of the Anti-Cruelty Society will showcase an animal that is available for adoption and will discuss what to look for when adopting a pet.

Wired Teen Zone

Check out the new Teen Zone blog for Library news and happenings for teens. Post your comments @ http://mgplteenzone.blogspot.com/

Get Active @ Your Library! Celebrate Teen Read Week: October 15-21

Teen Library Council (TLC) – Thurs., Sept. 14, 7-8:30 pm
If you are interested in brainstorming and planning teen events at the Library, join us at the TLC meeting. The TLC is a great way to meet new friends, get involved in the community, earn volunteer service hours, and share your opinions on how the Library can best serve teens.

Teen Book Club – R.E.A.D.: Read Eat And Discuss
The Beast by Walter Dean Myers: Thurs., Sept. 7, 7-8:30 pm
If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson: Thurs., Oct. 5, 7-8:30 pm

Teen Movie Nights
Glory Road (2006, PG, 118 min.): Thurs., Sept. 28, 7 pm
The Skeleton Key (2005, PG-13m 104 min.): Thurs., Oct. 26, 7 pm

DDR Competition!
Sat., Oct. 21, 1 pm
MGPL teens will be competing with teens from other local libraries at a competition at the Niles Public Library. Join us and bring the DDR trophy to MGPL! Sign up at the Reference Desk.

Babysitting Basics

Captain Bill Porter of the Morton Grove Fire Department with students of the May 2006 Babysitting Basics class. The next class will be held in November. Watch for details in the Library and in the next issue of *Books & Beyond.*

Check Out Our BIG Books!

Have you been invited to read to your child's class? The Youth Services Department has large format editions of some of the most popular books to share with children. Using these Big Books, the entire class will be able to see the great illustrations while you read the story. Some of the books come with parent help pages, which may provide additional activities.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Sat., Sept. 16, 2 pm

Sol Azteca Folklora will perform traditional Mexican Dances. This dance program will feature children, age five to teenagers, exhibiting colorful dress worn in different regions of Mexico.

Willie Wonka Party

Thurs., Sept. 28, 6:30 pm

Games, activities and of course, CHOCOLATE! Call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register.

Dear Dynamite Diary

Fri. Sept. 29, 4-5 pm

This journal writing workshop for boys and girls, ages 8 – 12, will highlight current "diary" literature for children. Each participant will receive a free diary. Refreshments will be served. Class size limit: 20. Registration required.

Disasters, Volcanoes, Tornadoes, Oh My!

Sat., Sept. 30, 2 pm

Award-winning, nonfiction Illinois authors Dennis and Judith Fradin present their new book series on disasters. Accompanied by photographs of actual volcanoes and other natural disasters, they will explain how and where these disasters strike.

Science Fair Fun

Tues., Oct. 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join Robina Button, Youth Services staff member and science teacher, as she highlights Library resources and shows children of all ages how to create a super science project.

Unfortunate Friday the 13th Party

Fri., Oct. 13, 4 pm

Celebrate the debut of the 13th and final Lemony Snicket book, *The End*. Hear the first chapter before anyone else does! For ages 7-12. Registration required.

Hee-Hee-Hee-Healthee

Sat., Oct. 21
Ages 3-7
12:30 pm
Ages 7-12
1:30 pm

Fun and laughter will heal and transform children as they learn and play basic games that teach yoga and gentle yoga breathing. Call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register.

Monster Mash – Halloween Party

Thurs., Oct. 26, 6:30 pm

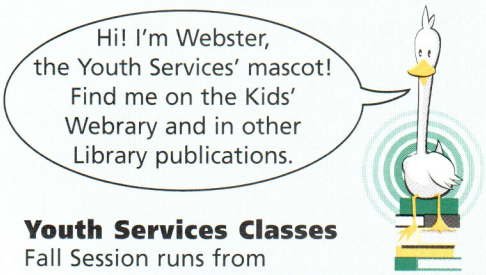
Make a mask and enjoy treats and Spooky Punch. Call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for this fun event.

Rock, Paper Scissors Tournament

Fri., Oct. 27, 4 pm

Children in grades 1-12 may register at the door. The winner will receive a bookstore gift certificate and his/her name on the Library's plaque.

CALENDAR



Youth Services Classes
Fall Session runs from October 9 – November 30.
Registration is required for the following classes; call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and Thursdays, 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2; Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Drop-In Classes

Knitting Club
Mondays, 4 - 5 pm
No registration required. Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

Listen Up!
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group and do a craft.

Family Chess
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome.

Wee Read Lapsit Program
For ages 0 – 24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturday, September 23 and October 28 at 11 am

Drama Club,
1st and 3rd Fridays, 4-5 pm
Ages 6–12. Learn acting skills and make new friends with fun-filled activities.

Kidz Kartoonz
Brother Bear 2 (2006; G; 73 minutes)
September 8, 4 pm

Crafty Saturday
September 9 and October 14, 10 am – 4 pm (while supplies last) – Make a seasonal fun craft. Note: Children under eight may need parental supervision.

Sing a Story to Me
Sat., September 2, 10:30 am
Sat., October 7, 10:30 am
This special story time for children in preschool through third grade will highlight wonderful picture books based on songs. Hear the music and the story; then do a special activity.

From the Director, continued from front page:

tion staff who are currently scattered in several locations throughout the building. Aside from the obvious efficiency benefits of having all staff in one place, this will open up those other areas for new public uses, specifically a new public meeting room and a Youth Services activities room.

• The Library is very short on rooms for public meetings. In addition to the organizations that meet here regularly, there are programs, concerts and other events offered throughout the year. With only two spaces – the Baxter auditorium and the Board Room – for gatherings of any kind, the Library cannot always meet the demand for small group meetings. We would love to provide spaces for homework or book discussion groups on an ad hoc basis.

• Another pressing space need is for a Youth Services Activity room. Currently story times, chess meets, craft workshops and many other YS programs take place either in the already cramped Youth Services Room or in the YS Staff Workroom. This means, for example, that story times and other events must be squeezed in among everything else that is going on in the central area of the Youth Services Room – an often crowded, noisy place where the young participants are easily distracted.

• The Reference and Internet computer area will get a facelift. We'll be moving the Reference Desk in order to provide room for more Internet computers, and adding new wall surfaces that will reduce the noise level.

So, while these steps are only a stopgap until the fundamental limitations of the building can be addressed, I hope you'll continue to enjoy the Library as we seek more ways to enhance all our services for our patrons. Please feel free to call or stop by to talk with me about how the Library is working for you.

FILMS

For additional information about these films, please pick up a flyer at the Library or inquire at the Reference Services Desk.

FEATURE FILMS

Syriana (2005, R, 128 min,)
Thurs., Sept. 21, 2 and 7 pm

Tsotsi (2006, R, 94 min.)
Thurs., Oct. 19, 2 and 7 pm

KIDZ KARTOONZ

Brother Bear 2 (2006, G, 73 min.)
Fri., Sept. 8, 4 pm

RECENTLY RELEASED & FOREIGN FILMS

An Unfinished Life (2005, PG-13, 108 min.), Tue., Sept. 5, 11:30 am

Annapolis (2006, PG-13, 104 min.)
Wed., Sept. 6, 7 pm

Paradise Now (2005, PG-13, 91 min., Arabic with English subtitles)
Wed., Sept. 20, 7 pm

Glory Road (2006, PG, 118 min.)
Thur., Sept. 28, 7 pm

On A Clear Day (2005, PG-13, 98 min.)
Sat., Oct. 14, 1 pm

Donya (2002, NR, 105 min. Farsi with English subtitles), Sat., Oct. 14, 3 pm

The Skeleton Key (2005, PG-13, 104 min.), Thur., Oct. 26, 7 pm

Exhibits

September
Baxter Room: Coffee and Comfort: paintings by Anita Miller
Lincoln Ave. entry: Drawings by Zora Osman

October
Baxter Room: Floral paintings by Lois Peltier
Lincoln Ave. entry: Halloween ghosts

NEW Parents' Advisory Board Forming

The Youth Services Department is compiling a list of parents who are interested in helping the Library develop programming for children from birth through grade 6. Please stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 847-929-5102 for more information.

Banned Books Week September 23-30

Celebrating the freedom to read is observed during the last week of September. This annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Stop by the Library or visit www.ala.org/bbooks/ for more information.

Let's Talk about It

Updating Civil Liberties
Wed., Sept. 27, 2 pm
Richard Gibbs will discuss the development of the United States Constitution, the judicial process, and the implications for today's world.

Human Services in Morton Grove
Wed., Oct. 25, 2 pm
Jackie Walker O'Keefe, Director of Family and Senior Services, will discuss human services such as transportation, housing, recreation, and health and social services in Morton Grove.

People are reading...

What books do you rcommend? Renée Miller, President of the Library Board of Trustees, is reading *1776* by David McCullough and listening to the audiobook *Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Expedition in History* by George Crile.

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Library Board of Trustees
The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm, in the Library's Board Room.

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Special Assistance
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Morton Grove Public Library promotes accessibility to Library services. Persons with disabilities who request assistance to participate in Library programs can make arrangements for special equipment or a sign language interpreter ten working days prior to the program by calling 847-965-4220, TDD 847-965-4236.

Unattended Children Policy
MGPL is a pubic building; any public building may be potentially dangerous for a child who is left unattended. In order to ensure the safety of all of MGPL's patrons, children under the age of 8 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible caregiver (high school age and older) while in the Library.

Changes and Cancellations
Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 to confirm scheduled events.

Lyric Opera Profiles

The Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera presents preview profiles of the 2006–07 Opera Season.

Turandot
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2 pm

Iphigénie en Tauride
Sun., Sept. 24, 2 pm

Salome
Sun., Oct. 15, 2 pm

Il Trovatore
Sun., Oct. 29, 2 pm

Summer Reading Challenge

Over 220 adults and teens participated in MGPL's Summer Reading Challenge, *Book a Tropical Escape.* Many thanks to the generous sponsors of the Challenge: Ravinia Music Festival, Circuit City, Lord and Taylor, and Subway of Morton Grove. Congratulations to the winners of the grand prizes: Rita Sulaiman, Linda Rozich, and Chuck Pusateri.

The Youth Services Department's summer reading program, *Voyage to Book Island,* registered 536 children from birth through 6th grade; 262 completed the eight-week program and received a Daily Herald "Big Ticket" coupon book worth $150, a book, and an invitation to the Harrer Pool Party. Participants received coupons from DuPage Children's Museum, Old Country Buffet, Subway of Morton Grove, Pizza Hut, Culver's, McDonald's, and Panera Bread. Special thanks to the thirty-seven S.T.A.R. volunteers who logged over 1340 hours helping with the program.

Book Discussions

All Booked Up

Emma by Jane Austen: Thurs., Sept. 21, 10 am

Charming Billy by Alice McDermott: Thurs., Oct. 19, 10 am

Thinking Out Loud

C'est La Vie by Suzy Gershman: Tues., Sept. 26, 7:30 pm

Hell at the Breech by Tom Franklin: Tues., Oct. 24, 7:30 pm

HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5, September through May

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Monday, September 4: Labor Day

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